

Reinstatement of ADG(ARIS) In ICAR

3837. SHRI R.N. ARYA:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 Members of Parliament, on different dates from March 1 to 29, 2001 wrote to the Prime Minister, requesting for reinstatement of Assistant Director General (ARIS) and others of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, who have been removed/transferred from their posts by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the action taken on the above request;

(c) whether there is any delay in taking action on the above request;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) whether CBI enquiry would be ordered by PM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Appropriate action has already been taken by sending replies to the Hon'ble MPs apprising them of the facts of the case and its present status.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

FDI in Pharmaceutical Sector

3838. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to allow 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the pharmaceutical sector through automatic route;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the impact of the increase of FDI from 74 per cent to

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100 per cent on the growth of domestic pharmaceutical companies has been considered in this context?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (c) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy is evolved on a continuous basis keeping in mind the interest of both consumers and producers. As per the extant policy FDI upto 74% is permitted through automatic route in the case of bulk drugs, their intermediates and formulations (except those produced by the use of recombinant DNA technology). 100% FDI in case of bulk drugs, their intermediates and formulations is considered by the Government on a case by case basis.

Technique For Production of Low Cost Fertilizers

† 3839. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found the technique to be used in production of fertilizers in the world with minimum production cost thereof;

(b) if so, the name of this technique and the countries where it is being used for production; and

(c) whether Government have explored the possibility of its use in India; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (c) While there are a number of proven technologies world wide for manufacture of fertilizers, their cost effectiveness depends on several factors including type and quality of input used in the process. Fertilizer companies are free to choose the latest and most cost effective technology available globally for setting up new plants as well as for revamp/

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.